

PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department.)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks. (While giving opinion the adverse comments made by the concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The proposal pertains to diversion of 0.765 Ha of Forest Land for laying of Overhead Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) by BSNL in Rongrenggre, Songsak and Darugre Reserve Forest. It will pass through Tura-Nongstoin Road, Chisobibra-Williamnagar Road and National Highway 62 through Rongrenggre Reserve Forest, Songsak Reserve Forest and Darugre Reserve Forest.

Perused the views of the Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Garo Hills Region, Tura in Part-III. The length of the Optical Fibre Cable required inside the Reserve Forest is 25.5 kms which necessitates diverting 0.765 Ha of forest land. The project does not involve felling of trees. The OFC cable will be laid along the existing PWD Road and therefore will not have adverse effect on the Forest, Environment and Wildlife of the area.

The project is crucial for improvement of the network connectivity in the Garo Hills Region which plays an important role in development of the region as a whole.

Hence the proposal is recommended

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Place: Shillong.



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